



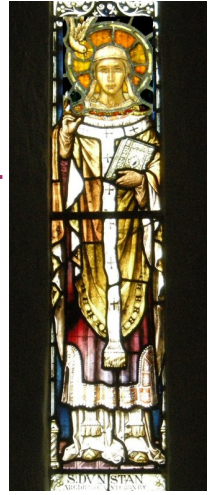
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

Sunday 15 DECEMBER

ADVENT 3



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *Sunsion in F*
Anthem: *Angelus ad Virginem* (arr Willcocks)

READINGS:

Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the



wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good. Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit, so that, purified, we may find our peace in you and you may delight in us. Grant this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

St Dunstan's strives to be a diverse yet inclusive church, affirming everybody, young and old.

CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 13th: Deanery Synod Reps: Karen Mack, Emma R-R, Phyllida de Salis, Sue Smith
- Saturday 14th: Colkins Mill church and its congregation
- Sunday 15th: Lucy Piercy, Musical Director
- Monday 16th: Five Ashes Cottage Hospice
- Tuesday 17th: St Dunstan's Choir
- Wednesday 18th: Mayfield School for girls
- Thursday 19th: Vanessa and our bell ringers
- Friday 20th: All who own businesses within the parish, including our farmers

PRAY ALSO ...

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
For all those who contribute to the life of St Dunstan's
For growth in numbers, spiritual commitment and in service to our community
For teachers and pupils in our local schools
For those struggling because of cost of living increases
For all known to us who are unwell; for those awaiting hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS/all carers
For the recently departed Edward Lawson and Marianne Whapling; **and all who mourn the loss of loved ones**
Those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: William Humphrey, Timothy Biron, irene Akehurst, Esme Cornford, Douglas Downer, Jeff Bolam, Jean Franks and Michael Fenner

AN ADVENT PRAYER

As streets fill with shoppers
 bright lights and tempting offers
 Christmas songs
 and children's laughter,
 You lead us
 along a different path
 to a desert river and a
 Prophetic voice
 A call to repentance
 A call to service
 A call to immerse ourselves
 in living water
 that will never run dry
 A call to prepare a way
 in our own lives
 for the Saviour of the world
 to enter in
 To know the touch
 of tender mercy
 and rest in your forgiving love
 For your faithful prophets
 and your Living Word
 we give you thanks. Amen

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD



For our Government, Prime Minister and national institutions in the many challenges facing us; **for all members of the Royal family**
For all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making
For unity within the Anglican Communion; for victims of child abuse
For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict—particularly for Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan
For all victims of war; of intolerance, persecution and oppression
For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless
For compassion and wisdom in dealing with migrants
For healthcare services both in this country and throughout the world
For aid agencies and all who work, both here and abroad, to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease; **for adequate supplies of clean water** for all
For those recently affected by adverse weather conditions
For an urgent and determined global response to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sat 14th: 1.30-4.30pm REHEARSAL for Handel's Messiah
7pm HANDEL'S MESSIAH in St Dunstan's

Sun 15th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's
please bring your Christmas cards (see below)

Wed 18th: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel
1.30pm FUNERAL Edward Lawson with interment

Thurs 19th: 2pm MAYFIELD & FIVES ASHES CEP Joint Carol Service

Fri 20th: 9.30-11am HOLY DUSTERS Christmas top-up clean

Sun 22nd: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's
6pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE— St Dunstan's

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Sunday Club



Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18

Meet in London House from 10am.
The children will join the Service in Church as the 'Peace' is being shared.

Loving Jesus, where people are hungry, where people are divided, where people are in despair, and where people have lost faith and hope... help us to be your good news. Amen.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS/CHRISTMAS GIVING

During the Offertory Hymn on Sunday 15 December we will collect Christmas cards from those who wish to participate in a new Christmas Giving scheme.

We invite you to address just one card with Christmas message to all your friends in St Dunstan's – to be posted on a board at the back of church after the service – and to pledge a donation to the Friends of the Holy Land. Donations can be made through bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, 08277532, 55-70-13 marked 'Charity Gift' or by cheque payable to Mayfield PCC. Alternatively, click on the FHL logo to make a donation direct to the charity. THANK YOU!



HOLY DUSTERS 9.30—12noon Fri 20 December
—a Christmas top-up clean! ALL WELCOME

Coffee provided! Further info: emma@ryderrichardson.co.uk



MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888 <https://www.mayfacs.org.uk/>

ECO CHURCH

SEASONAL TIPS: Give up using glitter! Glitter is a mixture of aluminum and microplastics and it cannot be recycled. Glitter particles have been found embedded in the sea floor and in samples of Arctic ice.

10.30-11.30am
WEDNESDAY
COFFEE in
St Dunstan's
(after 10am
Said
Eucharist).
ALL WELCOME



SATURDAY PICNICKERS
12.30-2.30pm London House
ALL WELCOME!



SAID EUCHARIST—CHAPEL OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD at the COTTAGE
HOSPICE, FIVE ASHES
12 noon 12 & 26 JANUARY



Please click here to help directly with the running costs of St Dunstan's. For additional ways to contribute financially to the life of our church, please see the church website. Thank you.

DONATE

CHRISTMAS in ST DUNSTAN'S

6pm Sunday 22nd: Candlelit Christmas Carol Service - come and join us in singing some of the more popular Christmas carols. If you are interested in joining the choir in singing 'O Holy Night', please contact Lucy, Director of Music, at music.stdunstans@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve:
5pm Christingle Service
11pm Midnight Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day: 10.15am Christmas Morning Communion - at this service we encourage children to bring along one of their Christmas presents so we can share in their joy!

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!



7pm SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

conducted by Jack Gonzalez-Harding
For online tickets, please click on the image. Also available at Sew Inspired.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

A huge thank you to all who came along to the Christmas Market last Saturday and to all those who helped so many different ways. A fantastic £2,480 was raised.



CAN YOU HELP?

CHRISTINGLE-MAKING 10am Mon 23 December
Come and join in the fun of preparing for our ever-popular Christmas Eve service!

STEWARDING

Sunday 22nd December CAROL SERVICE

Three additional stewards needed to help in case of fire to clothing or hair given the lighted candles. You need to be prepared with water bucket and towel.

Tuesday 24th December CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
4.15pm—Six able-bodied people needed to move chairs from London House into church and to return them after the service. Two additional stewards needed for this Service also to cover fire hazard.

For stewarding, please arrive 30 minutes before the start of the service for a briefing.

If you are able to help, please let Philip James know (07774730901 or james153fish@gmail.com)



ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAN
BENEFIT ST DUNSTAN'S!

THANK YOU to all who have signed up to make charitable donations on their internet purchases without a single penny cost to themselves. If you are not registered, please click on the logo to see how it works. The PCC is registered as St Dunstan's Parish Church, Mayfield—it all helps the Church's finances. THANK YOU!

